(d) the number of students enrolled in those schools during the academic year 1991-92 ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) (a) Navodaya Vidyalayas have been opened in 280 of th 460 Districts in the country (The figure of 460 Districts includes 38 districts in the States of West Bengal and Tamil Nadu,which have not opted for the scheme yet).

(b) The Scheme of Navodaya Vidyalayas envisages setting up of one Navodaya Vidyalaya, on an average, in each district of the country. The Government aims, at present, to achieve this objective, if possible, during the next three years, subject to the availability of resources and suitable proposals with requisite facilities from the State Governments concerned.

(c) During 1990-91 an amount of Rs. 100.38 crores was incurred on Navodaya Vidyalayas.

(d) 16203 students have been enrolled in the Navodaya Vidyalayas during 1991-92.

Janardhana Reddy Committee on National Education Policy

625. SHRI KAPIL VERMA :
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the committee set up under the Chairmanship of Mr. N. Janardhana Reddy to study the recommendations of Acharya Rammurti Committee in regard to 1986 National Education Policy, has since submitted its report ;

(b) if so, what are the main recommendations thereof ; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) The Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) Committee on Policy, under the Chairmanship of Shri N. Janardhana Reddy, submitted its report on 2nd January, 1992.

(b) A statement containing the gist of the main recommendations of the report is attached. [*See* Appendix CLXII, Annexure No. 16]

(c) The report is now to be considered by the CABE. The Government will finalise its views on the report after receipt of the CABE's recommendations.

Grants to 'Tarun Sanskar Rajhi'

626. SHRI SHIVPRASAD CHANPURIA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) what is the amount of grant being given by Government to 'Tarun Sanskar Rajhi' (Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh) for opening non-formal education centres;

(b) the target opening education centres fixed for this institution and the area carmarked for its operations;

(c) the number of education centres opened by this institution and the number of students who passed from these centres ;

(d) whether it is a fact that no education centre is being run by this institution or is usurping a large amount of grant by cheeting the Government; and

(e) if so, whether Government propose to take action against the person operating this institution ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) (a) and (b) An amount of Rs. 2,49,915/- has been released so far as grant-in-aid to the organisation namely 'Tarun Sanskar', Jabalpur (Madhya Pradesh) for the purpose of implementation of a project of 25 NFE centres at the primary level in Block Kundam, District Jablapur (Madhya Pradesh).

(c) and (d) According to the progress reports being furnished by the organisation all the 25 NFE centres sanctioned have been in operation since 1-3-1989. The organisation has submitted accounts of the grant duly certified by Chartered Accountants showing its proper utilisation. Information regarding the number of students who passed from these centres is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as possible.

(e) Does not arise.

Single history text book

627. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government's proposal to prepare a single history text book for the entire country regarding the developments in post-independent India has suffered a setback ; and

(b) if so, what further efforts Government propose to make to achieve this objective?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Government have set up on 3-1-1992 a National Advisory Committee to prepare the contemporary history of post-independent India and transform it into an appropriate curriculum for the School and College levels. The Committee has held only one meeting so far on 6-1-1992.

Reservation for SC/ST in Tata Institute of Social Sciences

628 .SHRI PRAKASH YASHWANT AMBEDKAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the "Tata Institute of Social Sciences", Bombay is under the Control of University Grants Commission;

(b) if so, since when ;

(c) whether the Reservation policy laid down for Scheduled Caste/Tribe is applicable to the said institution ; and

(d) the number of persons employed for different posts category-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) According to the information furnished by University Grants Commission (UGC). the Tata Institute of Social Sciences is a deemed-to-be-university under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956. UGC has been providing 100% maintenance grant to it since 1979-80. The reservation policy of the Government of India for SC/ST is applicable to TISS.

(d) According to the information furnished by Tata Institute of Social Sciences, the number of SC/ST persons employed in different academic and non-acedemic posts is an under:

Teaching	Non-Teaching
Lecturer-4 SC(9.5%)	Group A : 01 SC (14%)
-2 ST (4.76%)	Group B:04 SC (12%)
	Group C: 11 SC (18%)
	01 ST(2%)
	Group D:18 SC (33%)
	03 ST(6%)

629. [*Transferred to the 4th March, 992*]

Financial assistance for eradicating Devadasi practice

630. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL :

DR. BAPU KALDATE :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Maharashtra and Karnataka have sought financial assistance for eradication of Devadasi practice;

(b) whether the Central Government have any scheme to provide assistance to the old aged Devadasi; and

(c) if so, the details thereof; and the assistance Government propose to provide to these two State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) : (KUMARI MAMTA BANERJEE) : (a) No, Sir. However, Western Maharashtra Development Corporation, Pune and the State Government of Karnataka had sought financial assistance for rehabilitation of Devidasis during 1987-88.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) An amount of Rs. 11.30 lacs was santioned to Western Maharashtra Development Corporation, Pune for providing training in the trade of knitting to 20 Devadasis at Jath in Sangli District and 45 at Gandhinglaj in Kolhapur Distt. The proposal from the State Government of Karnataka to train 155 Devadasis could not be considered as it was incomplete.

Invitation to Vice-Principals for attending meetings convened by Director

631. DR. BAPU KALDATE :

SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Director of Education holds periodic meetings with Principals of Senior Secondary Schools in Delhi;